

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 4, 2003, is believed to be fully responsive to the points of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-34 are pending. Claims 1-11 have been cancelled in response to the restriction requirement. Claims 12, 18, 19 and 24 are amended above. New Claims 32, 33 and 34 are added. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Claims 12-17 and 20-23 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) over published US Patent Application No. 2003/0012997 (Hsu). The Examiner indicated that Claims 18, 19 and 24-31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the pending claims.

1. Claims 12-23:

The Examiner indicated that original Claims 18 and 19 contained allowable subject matter. Claim 12 has been amended to alternately include the recitations of original Claims 18 and 19. Claims 13-23 depend from Claim 12. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 12-23 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the rejections of the claims be withdrawn.

2. Claims 24-34:

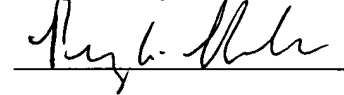
The Examiner indicated that original Claims 24-31 contained allowable subject matter. Claim 24 has been rewritten in independent form to include the recitations of original, independent Claim 12, and Claims 25-31 depend from Claim 24. Applicants note that amended Claim 24 does not include the additional recitations of original Claims 16, 17 and 20, from which original Claim 24 depended. New Claims 32, 33 and 34 depend from Claim 24 and respectively include the additional recitations of original Claims 16, 17 and 20. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 24-34 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims, namely Claims 12-34 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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